

- Figure 1 illustrates incubating products in the presence of human adipocytes in suspension, followed by measurement of the intracellular cAMP level.

- v) Please add the following paragraph to page 35, line 25:

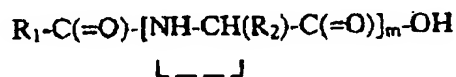
It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- vi) Please delete page 38 in its entirety.

- vii) Please add to a new page 38, starting at line 1, the following subtitle and paragraph:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent in a formulation containing a cosmetically acceptable medium, wherein said composition is represented by formula (I):



wherein R₁ is at least one a linear, branched, saturated or unsaturated, aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having 11 carbon atoms;

wherein R₂ is an amino acid chain; and

wherein m is in the range of from about 1 to about 50.